



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 24, 2017

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in e, BWV 533 J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Liebster Jesu*
harm. J. S. Bach

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

Tobias Clausnitzer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: Come into God’s presence with singing!

People: **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 481** (blue hymnal) Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show *Llanfair*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God of abundant love and forgiveness, we confess to you the times we have not lived our lives in a worthy manner. We have grumbled and complained when things were difficult. We have been envious and greedy instead of generous and merciful. We neglect to see your abundance in our lives. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude, that we might be instruments for your justice, workers in your peaceable kingdom, and vessels for your amazing grace. Amen.

***RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139: 1-18

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Bryan Powell

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go in the McKinnon Room and participate in Children’s Worship.

MOMENT FOR MISSION Kathleen Farnham

SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 24-29

SERMON “Believing without Seeing” Sam Phillips

***HYMN NO. 522** (blue hymnal) Lord, When I Came Into This Life *Land of Rest*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

Clara Oakes and Vicki Mayfield

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer

During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Farewell, Dear Love Robert Jones

Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Unto Thee, O God Alan Hovhaness

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks: For Thy name is near Thy wondrous works declare.

Psalm 75:1

Lasst uns erfreuen

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

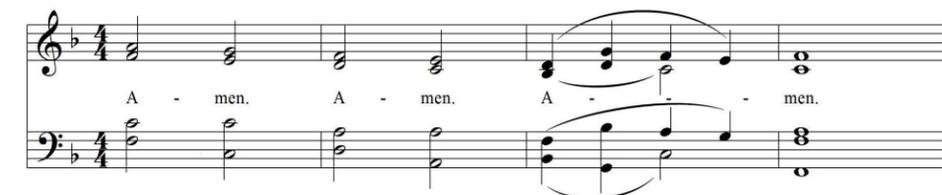
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 525** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Here I Am, Lord *Here I Am, Lord*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody



POSTLUDE Fugue in d Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ALAN HOVHANESS (1911-2000) was a prolific American composer of Armenian and Scottish ancestry, whose catalog is comprised of 67 numbered symphonies, scores for documentaries and theater, choral music, and 434 opus numbers. He studied composition with Leo Rich Lewis at Tufts University and then with Frederick Converse at the New England Conservatory of Music, as well as with Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein at Tanglewood. In an application for a Guggenheim Fellowship, Hovhaness wrote, sharing his philosophy of composition, “In fact, the worthiest creative art has been motivated consciously or unconsciously by the desire for the regeneration of mankind.” His works show his vast knowledge of world music and it is clear that the inspiration for his work is drawn from many cultures. Two of his most famous orchestral works are *Mysterious Mountain* (his second symphony) and, from 1970, *And God Created Great Whales* (taped whale songs and orchestra).

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Pearman and Andrew Gordon

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS SEPTEMBER 16–30: Leslie Versen, Brenda Seip and Susan Baughman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Suzanne Graham and Robert McKeehan

(11:00) Bill Holt, Betty and Leonard McKeehan, Alice and Charlie Mercer

SAFETY TEAM: Michael Betz

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of our parents, Jim and Lucille Harmon, John and Barbara Goan by Gary, Katherine, Kieran and Nathan Harmon.

A STATED SESSION MEETING today following worship at 12:15 in the McKinnon Room.

KIDS CORNER

Nursery: (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service

(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School

(11:00) 0-2 year olds during Worship Service

Sunday School: Pre-K (3-5 year olds), K-1st grade, and 2nd-4th grades. Children meet at 10:00 in the downstairs Fellowship Hall before splitting into small groups.

Children's Worship: Kids age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Time With The Children before heading downstairs for Children's Worship. 3-5 year olds will meet in the Pre-K room. K-2nd graders will meet with Allie Brewington. (Note: If 2 or fewer 3-5 year olds attend, they will join the children in the nursery)

Today in Youth!!

Betty's back!!!! The youth will meet today at 5, and have one of Betty McKeehan's great dinners. We'll then design and vote on our SHOW (Senior High) and WAMS (Middle School) t-shirts for this year. At about 5:45, the SHOW youth will go to Caroline McRae's home for swimming!! (When life gives you 85° weather...) The WAMS youth will remain at church and play that crazy Drawful game where you use your device to play a pictictionary-type game... soooooo fun!! We hope to see you this afternoon!

COMMUNITY CHEST OF KNOXVILLE is collecting clothing and small household items October 7. Bring items to Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

CHURCH WORKDAY is scheduled for October 21 from 8 AM - 12. Help us with small tasks that make a big difference.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HOSTS PEACEMAKER The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program makes it possible for leaders from our partner denominations and partner organizations around the world to visit the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) each year to interpret issues of peace and justice. We have hosted Peacemakers in the past. This year, First Presbyterian hosts Alla Soroka from Ukraine on September 27. Alla lives in Odessa and has been actively engaged in peacemaking work with at-risk children and youth in the Ukraine since 2005. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. following by the program at 6:30. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Mary Boyd.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP Our next meeting will be Thursday September 28th at 7:30am. The program will be presented by our guest, Finbarr Saunders, member of Knoxville City Council At Large Seat C.

Finbarr is a Vietnam vet and served on the Board of Directors of East Tennessee Children's Hospital for 24 years. He was a founding Board member of the Trust Company of Knoxville and is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Finbarr served together with Rev Fritz Schilling in connection with the Knox Children's Foundation. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Ron Alexander. All men of the church are welcome. Bring a friend.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER begin on October 4. Dinner begins at 5:45, with programs to follow at 6:30. October 4, our youth groups will share stories about their summer adventures at conferences and doing mission work.

October 11, Knox County Fall Break, No WWW

October 18, Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips will lead a class on Dietrich Bonhoeffer (see insert) Also beginning October 18, Barbara Adamcik will offer lighter, multigenerational fare. These activities will be creative, fun, and hands-on for all ages. More information will be available soon.

A FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IN THE PARK is planned for Saturday, October 7th, 9:00 AM at Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area in the Smoky Mountain National Park. Find the sign up sheet on the bulletin board and RSVP today!!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE We will continually be collecting money for Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma relief efforts. Checks can be made payable to Westminster for the flooding (mark the memo line DR000169-Harvey or DR000194-Irma) and we will forward monies to PDA. The donation will be included in your yearly WPC contribution statement. presbyterianmission.org/pda

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY Our Bible study groups for women have begun, using the Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study curriculum. This year, the study is on the book of Hebrews, and is entitled *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. The evening study meets tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. The morning group meets October 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room. If you would like a study guide in advance, speak to Mary Boyd. The books are \$10 each.

SAMUEL CHARLES (SAM) PHILLIPS is obviously no stranger to Westminster. The son of Buran and Deborah and “sam” wighed between older brother Chris and younger brother Jacob, Sam is a junior at Maryville College. Sam is pursuing a major in Religion with a minor in German. He spent this past summer as the Youth Intern at Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama. In addition to his current studies, he just recently became the Interim Youth Director at New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville, and is anticipating the spring when he will study abroad at the Catholic University in Einstatt, Germany.

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is October 1 and we will have a combined worship service at 11:00 following Sunday School.

KIDS CLUB is October 1 following the 11:00 worship. We will be painting pumpkins.

CHRISTMAS AUDITIONS Mark your calendars!!! We are holding auditions for Westminster Players' annual Children and Youth Christmas drama on Sunday, October 1. All actors from 5 years old thru high school are welcome. We will gather directly after the late service (2nd grade and older should bring a lunch). Kindergarten through 2nd grade will audition first and finish by 12:20. Older kids will audition from 12:20 to 1:30. Our play this year: Junie B. Jones, Jingle Bells Batman Smells P.S. So Does Mae!

HUNGER HIKE Be on the watch for teenagers collecting money. The youth are "hitting the pavement" again, and marching again to help relieve hunger at the Hunger Hike around Victor Ashe Park. This year, they have voted to walk in support of 2 great organizations: our local Remote Area Medical (bringing water and food to hurricane victims) and the Bearden FISH pantry. All our youth will be collecting donations today and next Sunday. Look for them in the Shilling Gallery and Narthex! Want to join us? We're looking for team members to walk with us!! If you are up for it, meet us at the Victor Ashe Park Shelter (4901 Bradshaw- near Northwest Middle School) by 2:00 p.m. next Sunday, Oct. 1. Thanks, as always, for your support!!

THE SESSION

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Wes Williams

Michael Yates

Youth Elder: Clara Oakes

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

TRUSTEES

Paul Jorden

Alice Mercer

Reed Ellis

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL 2017

The Wired Word

You'll receive an email each week that includes a story pulled from the current headlines. It's a chance to look at the news with scripture in hand. The class meets in the Prayer Room, and discussion is led by a rotating group of facilitators. The only thing you need is a smartphone or tablet. If you have not received Wired Word emails in the past, let Mary know you want to be added to the class list. Facilitators include Scott and Ashley Porter, Jeff and Amy Gilbert, David and Shawn Owens, and Jack Carley.

Bible Study

Scott Brunger leads a group in the church library that digs DEEP into scriptures each week. The newest topic is the second portion of Isaiah. This week, though, Scott and Ann will speak about their travels to Syria and Lebanon in a joint class in the Fellowship Hall.

Feasting on the Word

This curriculum from the PC(USA) is lectionary-based. You get an opportunity to hear and study the texts that will likely be read in worship that same day. The take on the texts may not be exactly what you hear from the pulpit, but can provide another perspective on the scriptures. The class is taught on a rotating basis by Linda Judge-McRae, Phil Barnette, Tim Crais, and UKirk's Campus Minister, Andy Morgan.

Faith and Life

This class offers topics that change every four to six weeks. This week we'll hear about Scott and Ann Brunger's recent trip to Syria. Coming up, we'll learn about suicide prevention from Michael Yates and Kristi Gordon. We'll celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on October 29. We'll learn about what led to it, and how it changed the world. Watch the bulletin for details about each topic.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER: THE CONFESSING CHURCH AND NAZI GERMANY

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was a German Lutheran Pastor, Theologian, Activist and one of the founding members of the Confessing Church movement, a movement of Christian leaders who opposed Adolph Hitler. Bonhoeffer's life and work continue to inspire people across the broad spectrum of religious thinking. This class will look at the political and theological background of Nazi Germany and then focus specifically on Bonhoeffer and the way his thinking about God and faith was shaped by the world around him. I will be using two books primarily and class participants are encouraged to get either or both. For a close look at Bonhoeffer himself, we will use *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Letters & Papers from Prison*. Not an easy book to read, it does allow us to look at both Bonhoeffer the person as well as the theologian. If you prefer a more readable book, we will also be drawing from *A Spoke in the Wheel: The Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer* by Renate Wind, a brief but very informative biography. For those who want to dig a little deeper, so to speak, I would suggest looking at the following works by Bonhoeffer:

The Cost of Discipleship - Will dedicate a class to this book and would love for some folks to engage this work.

Ethics

Meditations on the Cross - A collection of daily devotions

Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible